

further, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Approved, June 24, 1941.

[CHAPTER 251]

AN ACT

Relating to certain Carey Act lands in Wyoming.

June 25, 1941

[S. 879]

[Public Law 131]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for use in connection with the Eden water conservation and utility project in the State of Wyoming and subject to such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, the Secretary of Agriculture may accept on behalf of the United States the reconveyance of any lands within the Eden project which have been patented to the State of Wyoming pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Act of August 18, 1894 (28 Stat. 372, 422, as amended).

Eden project, Wyo.  
Acceptance of reconveyance of certain lands in.

43 U. S. C. § 641.

Approved, June 25, 1941.

[CHAPTER 252]

AN ACT

To amend section 17 of the Joint Service Pay Act approved June 10, 1922, as amended.

June 25, 1941

[H. R. 2279]

[Public Law 132]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the last sentence of the third proviso of section 17 of the Act entitled "An Act to readjust the pay and allowances of the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service", approved June 10, 1922 (42 Stat. 632), as amended (37 U. S. C. 26), reading: "Retired officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Coast and Geodetic Survey below the grade of brigadier general or commodore and retired warrant officers and enlisted men of those services, shall, when on active duty, receive full pay and allowances", is hereby amended by deleting the words "below the grade of brigadier general or commodore" and by inserting after the words "warrant officers" a comma and the word "nurses" so that as amended this sentence will read as follows: "Retired officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Coast and Geodetic Survey and retired warrant officers, nurses, and enlisted men of those services, shall, when on active duty, receive full pay and allowances".

Joint Service Pay Act, amendments.

Retired personnel on active duty.

Credit in computing retired pay.

SEC. 2. At the end of section 17 insert the following: "That in the computation of the retired pay of officers heretofore or hereafter retired with pay at the rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 per centum of the active-duty pay received by them at the time of retirement multiplied by the number of years of service for which entitled to credit in the computation of their pay on the active list, not to exceed a total of 75 per centum of said active-duty pay, active duty performed by such retired officers subsequent to the date of their retirement shall be counted for the purpose of computing percentage increases in their retired pay. These increases shall be at the rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 per

*Proviso.*  
Limitation.

No back pay, etc.

centum for each year of active duty and a fractional year of six months or more shall be considered a full year in computing the number of years: *Provided further*, That the increased retired pay of such retired officers shall in no case exceed 75 per centum of the active-duty pay as authorized by existing law: *Provided further*, That no back pay or allowances shall accrue by reason of the passage of this Act."

Approved, June 25, 1941.

#### [CHAPTER 254]

#### AN ACT

June 25, 1941  
[H. R. 3846]

[Public Law 133]

For the relief of certain former certifying and disbursing officers of the Department of the Interior.

Department of the Interior.  
Credit in accounts of certain disbursing officers.

*Proviso.*

Release from liability.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of disbursing officers for payments made in good faith on behalf of the Federal Subsistence Homesteads Corporation, or any of its subsidiaries, notwithstanding the failure to comply with the requirements of existing law or regulations: *Provided*, That the Comptroller General shall find that such payments appear to be free from fraud or collusion on the part of the disbursing officer making the payment.

SEC. 2. No charge shall be raised against the certifying officer for the amount of any payment for which credit shall be allowed under the preceding section where the Comptroller General finds that the payment appears to have been made without fraud or collusion on the part of the certifying officer.

Approved, June 25, 1941.

#### [CHAPTER 255]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

June 26, 1941  
[S. J. Res. 65]

[Public Law 134]

To permit travel by a ship of Canadian registry between American ports.

Travel of vessel of Canadian registry in certain U. S. waters.

*Provisos.*  
Lifeboat regulations.  
46 U. S. C. § 481.

Proportion of lifeboats and rafts.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That notwithstanding the provisions of any of the coastwise laws of the United States, one passenger ship of Canadian registry shall be permitted to travel between Cleveland, Ohio, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the purpose of transporting members of the American Legion and their guests to and from that organization's twenty-third annual national convention to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 15-18, 1941, inclusive; and such passenger ship shall be further permitted to remain at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the period of such national convention of the American Legion: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any provision of section 4488, Revised Statutes, or regulations issued thereunder, any passenger vessels, American or Canadian, which transport members of the American Legion and their guests to and from that organization's twenty-third annual national convention, to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 15-18, 1941, inclusive, shall not be required to carry accommodation for more than 50 per centum of persons on board in lifeboats and pontoon life rafts: *Provided further*, That not less than two-fifths of such accommodation shall be in lifeboats and three-fifths may be in collapsible boats or rafts, under regulations of the Board of Supervising Inspectors, approved by the Secretary of Commerce, applicable to such vessels during the interval May 15 to September 15, inclusive.

Approved, June 26, 1941.